



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.4

Soil moisture supplies: 8% very short, 39% short, 47% adequate and 6% surplus

Field Crops Report

Light rains fell across the state helping with some crop conditions. Persistent dry and windy weather conditions across the state slowed spring plowing and planting of some crops. Producers completed 93 percent of spring plowing, 3 points ahead of the 5-year average. Emerged corn reached 100 percent, 3 points ahead of the 5-year average. Rice plantings were 89 percent complete, 11 points above the 5-year average. Emerged rice increased to 69 percent, 8 points above the 5-year average. Sorghum planting was 80 percent complete, 20 points above the 5-year average. Emerged sorghum increased to 37 percent, 3 points behind the 5-year average. Soybean planting slowed due to dry conditions, increasing only 4 points from last week to 31 percent, equal to the 5-year average. Winter wheat headed reached 89 percent lagging 11 points behind the 5-year average. Sugarcane producers continued to fertilize fields.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Producers harvested greenhouse tomatoes and strawberries and fertigated bell peppers and tomatoes. Vegetable producers applied insecticides as needed to tomato fields.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattle producers worked cattle and oversaw calving. Cattle conditions improved, although Horn fly populations were high. Cattlemen continued to cut hay. Crawfish farmers were still harvesting nice-sized crawfish.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2009	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	93	87	94	90
Corn	Planted	100	100	100	100
	Emerged	100	96	96	97
Cotton	Planted	32	22	31	31
Hay	First cutting	13	6	9	14
Rice	Planted	89	73	77	78
	Emerged	69	46	56	61
Sorghum	Planted	80	61	26	60
	Emerged	37	22	0	40
Soybeans	Planted	31	27	32	31
Winter Wheat	Headed	89	59	100	98
	Turning Color	1	0	11	24

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	1	27	58	14
Rice	0	2	31	58	9
Sugarcane	3	15	55	20	7
Winter Wheat	0	3	36	55	6
Livestock	0	6	43	45	6
Vegetables	4	8	43	40	5
Pasture	1	12	45	36	6

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/19/10 TO 04/25/10

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVE	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	81	51	66	66	2.34	3.67	12.87	17.49
Minden	82	48	65	65	0.50	1.19	12.40	19.25
Mooringsport	81	50	66	MM	0.33	1.19	12.21	15.94
Extreme/Average	82	48	66	66	1.06	2.02	12.49	17.81
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	83	47	66	66	0.81	1.80	10.97	20.27
Homer/Hill Farm	81	(44)	63	64	0.53	1.94	14.73	19.46
ULM-Monroe	83	51	67	66	1.79	3.80	13.12	21.51
Columbia Lock	83	49	66	MM	0.34	1.41	9.64	22.23
Extreme/Average	83	44	65	66	0.87	2.24	12.12	20.36
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	82	51	66	65	0.84	2.19	10.73	22.47
LSU-St Joseph	86	49	69	67	0.10	0.48	15.28	22.10
LSU-Winnsboro	83	49	68	66	0.20	1.78	10.87	21.48
Tallulah	85	49	67	66	0.87	2.00	12.20	21.98
Extreme/Average	86	49	67	67	0.50	1.61	12.27	21.94
4. West-Central								
Leesville	85	47	67	67	0.23	0.57	11.67	19.28
LSU-Rosepine	84	50	67	67	1.01	1.27	13.49	19.03
Natchitoches	85	53	68	66	0.52	1.36	11.72	19.14
Extreme/Average	85	47	68	67	0.59	0.97	11.67	19.10
5. Central								
Alexandria	79	49	64	68	0.12	0.53	13.21	20.85
Brusly	MM	MM	MM	67	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	21.71
Bunkie	86	54	70	68	0.27	0.52	16.12	21.74
LSU-Alexandria	85	53	70	67	0.07	0.17	14.01	19.86
Extreme/Average	86	49	68	68	0.15	0.35	15.07	20.87
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	82	48	68	MM	0.47	0.88	14.60	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	84	50	70	68	0.09	0.45	10.87	20.32
Amite	85	49	68	67	1.37	1.77	15.23	23.69
LSU-Hammond	84	50	68	67	1.66	2.41	12.65	22.58
Slidell	79	52	69	68	1.30	1.67	16.98	21.31
Extreme/Average	85	48	69	68	0.98	1.44	14.07	22.33
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	84	51	67	68	1.56	1.56	16.33	19.61
Jennings	86	56	71	68	0.60	0.92	11.08	17.67
LSU-Crowley	(88)	54	71	69	0.26	0.47	9.16	18.36
Extreme/Average	88	51	70	69	0.81	0.98	12.19	17.87
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	83	53	69	69	0.16	0.30	12.40	20.03
LSU-Jeanerette	85	56	71	68	0.60	1.19	11.10	17.82
Morgan City	80	58	70	69	0.06	0.22	8.73	18.37
Extreme/Average	85	53	70	69	0.27	0.57	10.74	18.71
9. Southeast								
Galliano	79	57	71	69	0.17	0.32	16.17	19.62
Houma	82	54	71	70	0.48	0.66	12.46	18.68
Terrytown 3S	84	57	71	MM	0.78	1.36	14.44	MM.MM
Reserve	82	56	70	68	4.77	M.MM	MM.MM	21.79
Extreme/Average	84	54	71	70	1.55	0.78	14.36	20.16
State Averages	88	44	68	68	0.76	1.17	13.01	19.95

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. to Date = Through April 25, 2010

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